

the importance of Public Service Recognition Week. This is a critical time for our Nation, with many domestic and global challenges. Although we have designated a week to honor government employees, I rise today to stress the importance of remembering the invaluable service of public servants throughout the year. Our way of life—and the strength of our country would not exist without the work of public employees. And so to all the dedicated men and women currently serving our Nation, mahalo nui loa—thank you very much—for all that you do.

Mr. President, I am including Director John Berry's letter of support for Public Service Recognition Week with my statement and ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT,
Washington, DC, May 5, 2009.

Hon. DANIEL K. AKAKA,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship of S. Res. 87, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and throughout the year.

As you know, Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, is a time set aside each year to honor the men and women who serve America as Federal, state and local government employees. Throughout the Nation and around the world, public employees use the week to educate citizens about the many ways in which government serves the people and how government services make life better for all of us.

As the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Public Service Recognition Week is the perfect time to spread President Obama's call to public service and to recognize public employees. I am committed to making the Federal government a better place to work by speeding up the hiring process, increasing opportunities for veterans, and implementing programs that help employees balance work and family life.

Thank you for your continued leadership in recognizing the hard work of our public servants during Public Service Recognition Week and I look forward to working with you to make the federal government a better place to work.

Sincerely,

JOHN BERRY,
Director.

REMEMBERING REVEREND ROBERT CORNELL

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life of Rev. Robert Cornell, a great Wisconsin public servant and teacher. For most of his life, Reverend Cornell called northeast Wisconsin his home—as a student at St. Norbert Abbey, a Congressman, and a professor of history and government at St. Norbert College.

Reverend Cornell was only the second Catholic priest to be elected to Congress when he represented Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District from 1975 to 1979. Just as he did all his life, Reverend Cornell came to Washington to fight for education and social justice for the Wisconsinites he represented.

But his greatest accomplishments may have come in the halls of St. Norbert College as he used history to help guide young Wisconsinites to new levels of academic achievement. During his decades in the classroom, Reverend Cornell would bring history to life like no other. He brought out the best in his students with captivating lectures that displayed his tremendous knowledge, experience, and wit. His impact will certainly be felt for years to come through the countless students he taught and mentored.

Reverend Cornell stands out as a towering figure in the history of northeast Wisconsin. His influence on education and public service has left a lasting mark on our State.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MACK

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased and honored to pay tribute to Chuck Mack for his many years of service to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

After 43 years of dedicated service, Mr. Mack is stepping down from his positions as secretary-treasurer for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 70, and president of the Teamsters Joint Council 7. While Mr. Mack may be leaving his current leadership positions within the Teamsters, he is by no means retiring. Instead, he is heeding the call of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust, where he will now serve as the co-chair of the organization.

During his four-plus decades of service to the Teamsters, Mr. Mack has worked tirelessly to help negotiate first-class rights for bay area workers and their families. With a reputation for integrity and hard work, Mr. Mack has provided the Teamsters with unparalleled leadership in major labor disputes in northern California throughout his tenure. I particularly commend Mr. Mack for his efforts in advancing environmental justice issues for port communities throughout the San Francisco bay area.

As he transitions to his new position as cochair of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust, I applaud Mr. Mack's continued involvement with the Teamsters Union. Unions provide valuable representation to American workers and their families, and have worked to establish many of the rights and privileges that we now take for granted—rights and privileges that have helped millions of workers achieve the American dream.

After over four decades of service to the International Brotherhood of

Teamsters, I remain in admiration of Chuck's strong sense of civic duty, his unparalleled service to the labor movement, and his tireless advocacy for workers' rights at the local, State, and national levels. I wish him many more years of continued community involvement and leadership.●

TRIBUTE TO C. BRENT DEVORE

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I honor the career of Dr. C. Brent DeVore, the dean of higher education presidents in central Ohio. For 25 years, Dr. DeVore has served Otterbein College, its students, and the Westerville, OH, community. He retires at the end of this academic year.

A son of Zanesville, OH, who earned degrees from Ohio University and Kent State University, Dr. DeVore has dedicated his professional life to improving higher education for America's young people.

Dr. DeVore became president of Otterbein College in 1984. He helped develop the institution from a small, liberal arts college to a nationally ranked, comprehensive college. Dr. DeVore put Otterbein on stable financial footing, increasing the school's endowment by fifteenfold. He oversaw a transformation of the campus infrastructure, including the construction of new academic buildings, residence halls, athletic facilities, and an expansion of the library.

More importantly, Dr. DeVore helped transform the human capital of the college. The graduate education program was added in 1989, the graduate nursing program in 1993, and the MBA program in 1997. The number of faculty holding advanced degrees nearly doubled. Student diversity increased, enrollment doubled, retention rates soared, and the quality of incoming students skyrocketed.

Throughout Dr. DeVore's career, he has worked to develop innovative and comprehensive programs to encourage young people to engage in community and volunteer service and oversaw the creation of Otterbein's Center for Community Engagement. In 2007, Otterbein was one of only three schools across the country to receive the Presidential Award for General Community Service in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

While, Dr. DeVore's leadership at Otterbein will be missed, his legacy will remain for generations. Dr. DeVore has made Otterbein College better, he has made Ohio better, and he has made our Nation better. I wish him well and hope that his service to Ohio will continue in the next phase of his outstanding career.●

OHIO'S SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I commemorate the work of Carla Eng, president of Abstract Displays Incorporated, who has been named the Ohio